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STENGTH OF RPF PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The strength of personnel in the Railway Protection Force (RPF) at present;

(b) Whether keeping in view the increase in crime in trains the Railways are considering to increase the strength in the Railway Police Force (RPF); and

(c) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The strength of Railway Protection Force personnel is 67,056.

(b) Yes, proposals are under consideration to increase the strength of the RPF.

(c) In the wake of Dec. 2003 Amendments in the RPF Act 1957 and The Railways Act 1989, RPF was given additional responsibilities of security of Railway passengers and passenger area. To perform the additional duties of train escorting and access control efficiently 2 proposals are under consideration in the Ministry of Railways for augmenting the strength of RPF. The details of the proposal are as under:

1. Fresh creation of 24,034 posts in non-gazetted cadre

2. Fresh creation of 173 posts in gazetted cadre.